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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON HOUSE EMBARGO ACTION

1. MUCH OF TURKISH PRESS COMMENT ON HOUSE EMBARGO VOTE HAS  
TAKEN ITS LEAD FROM MODERATE AND BALANCED APPROACH CONTAINED  
IN PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON SUBJECT (ANKARA 5573),  
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EVINCING PLEASURE AT LIFTING OF EMBARGO, BUT CONCERN AT SOME  
OF "CONDITIONS", PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO CYPRUS, CONTAINED  
IN HOUSE AMENDMENT. GREEK DISPLEASURE AT EVENT ALSO RECEIVES  
MUCH ATTENTION. HOWEVER, LEFTIST "CUMHURİYET" IS NOT OPTIMISTIC  
THAT SUCH CONDITIONAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WILL LEAD TO IMPROVEMENT  
IN U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS, WHILE OPPOSITION PAPER "TERCUMAN"

QUOTES DEMIREL'S STATEMENT THAT "TO SAY THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED CONDITIONALLY IS TANTAMOUNT TO SAYING THAT IT CONTINUES." "CUMHURİYET", "TERCUMAN" AND ENGLISH-LANGUAGE "TURKISH DAILY NEWS" CARRY SYNDICATED AP STORY ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. MILITARY SOURCES THAT THREE UNNAMED U.S. INTELLIGENCE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE REOPENED, ALTHOUGH KARAMURSEL INSTALLATION WOULD CLOSE DOWN. STORY ALSO NOTES THAT THE LORAN STATION AT KARGABURUN WOULD OPEN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. SEVERAL PAPERS ("HURRIYET", "GÜNAYDIN", "SON HAVADIS") ALSO NOTE THAT U.S. HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT 69 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNDELIVERED BECAUSE OF THE EMBARGO WILL NOW IMMEDIATELY BE MADE AVAILABLE. (COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE SEEN TURKISH PRESS USE THE \$69 MILLION FIGURE FOR UNDELIVERED MAP AID, PROBABLY SOURCED FROM AP, RATHER THAN THE FORMER FIGURE OF \$86 MILLION WHICH IS NOW INCORRECT.)

2. EDITORIAL OPINION IS SIMILARLY DIVIDED. IN "MILLİYET", ABDİ İPEKÇİ NOTES THAT CENTRA PROBLEM WILL BE HOW CONDITIONS ARE APPLIED. HE IS OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, SINCE INITIATIVE IS NOW IN HANDS OF A U.S. ADMINISTRATION WHICH UNDERSTANDS TURKEY AS OPPOSED TO THOSE OF THE PRO-GREEK LOBBY IN CONGRESS. IN "GÜNAYDIN", NECATİ ZİNCİRKİRAN CALLS LIFTING OF EMBARGO AN ACHIEVEMENT FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS FOR TURKISH GOVERNMENTS SINCE 1975, ALL OF WHOM FOLLOWED A CAREFUL AND SENSIBLE POLICY VIS-A-VIS TURKISH-U.S. RELATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, HE CALLS CYPRUS CONDITIONS IN AMENDMENT A "SWORD OF DAMOCLES" WHICH CONTINUES TO HANG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVER TURKEY. SEVERAL OTHER COLUMNISTS MADE SAME POINT.

3. OPPOSITION PRESS IS LESS SANGUINE. IN "TERCUMAN", NAZLI İLİCAK NOTES THAT HOUSE DECISION HAS BROUGHT WITH IT "NEW AND HEAVIER CONDITIONS." HE POINTS OUT THAT AS RESULT OF CONCESSIONS MADE ON CYPRUS TO ACHIEVE LIFTING OF EMBARGO, TURKISH COMMUNITY IS NOW LEFT WITHOUT ANY "TRUMPS" TO TAKE TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE. IN SAME PAPER, RAUF TAMET NOTES THAT U.S. HAS PROVED ITSELF TO BE AN INDEPENDENT COUNTRY, I.E., ONE FREE FROM GREEK DOMINATION, BUT CLAIMS THAT EMBARGO STORY IS NOT YET OVER DUE TO CONDITIONS IMPOSED. GÜNERİ CİVAOĞLU CALLS HOUSE ACTION A "CONDITIONAL CONTINUATION" OF THE EMBARGO RATHER THAN A "CONDITIONAL LIFTING" AND URGES CARTER NOT TO USE HOUSE AMENDMENT AS "WEAPON" IN TURKEY-CYPRUS-GREEK TRIANGLE. "CUMHURİYET'S " "TRUTH BEHIND EVENTS" COLUMN CLAIMS THAT SINCE CONDITIONS ARE STIPULATED IN LIFTING OF EMBARGO, IN ESSENCE IT REMAINS. WHILE TURKISH ARMED FORCES MAY BE EAGER FOR RESULTING U.S. ASSISTANCE, ITS CONDITIONAL NATURE MAY SOW SEEDS WHICH BRING GREATER HARM THAN GOOD TO TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

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